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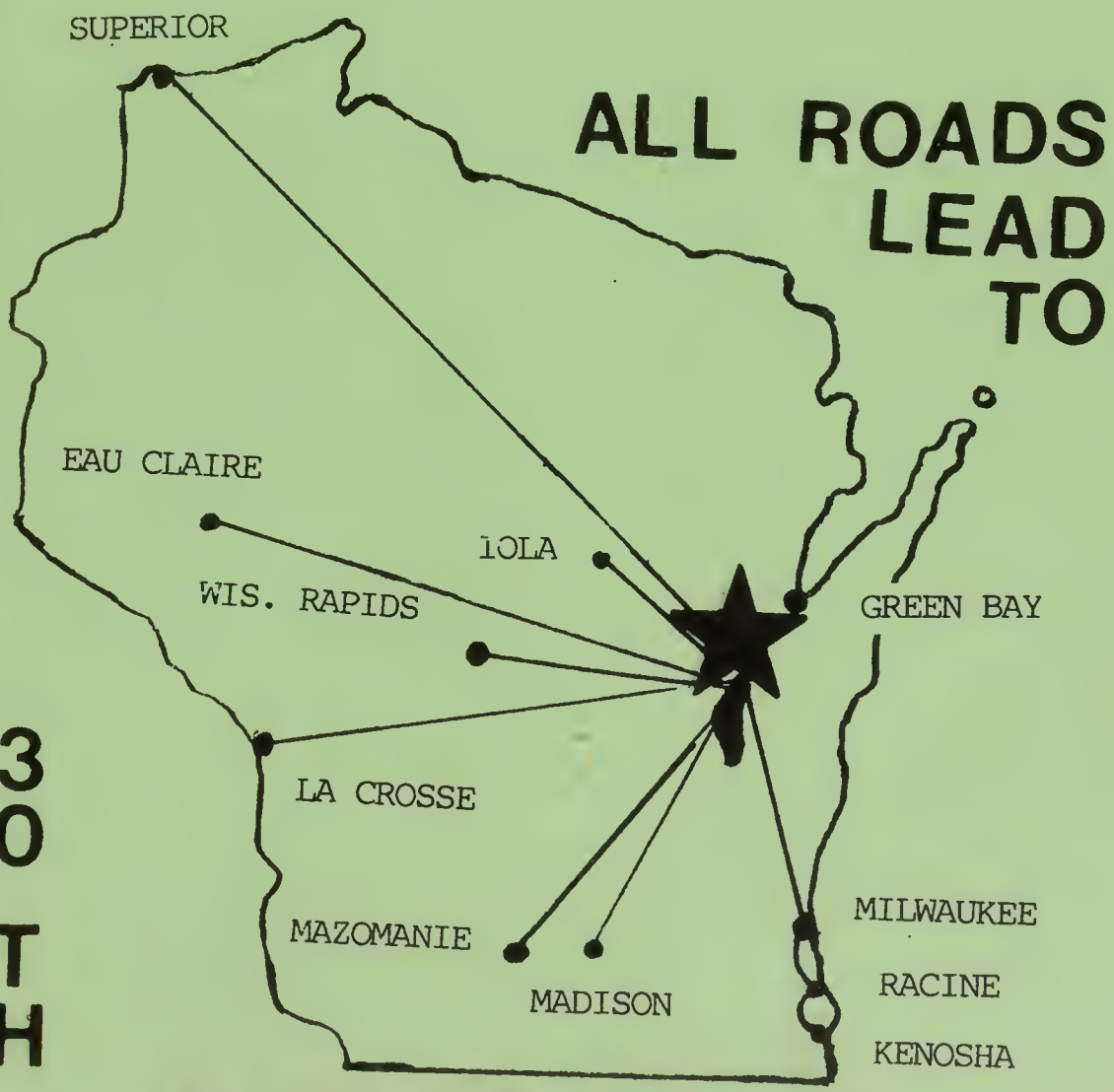

ALL ROADS LEAD TO

30TH ANNIVERSARY

APPLETON

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

IT'S ANNIVERSARY TIME AGAIN!

I hope NOW members will turn out in force to help celebrate our 30th anniversary. This year's show at the Paper Valley Hotel and Conference Center in Appleton is shaping up to be a good one. Our hosts, the Fox Valley Coin Club, will be marking their 35th anniversary as well.

If you've never been to the Paper Valley Hotel, now would be a good time to make plans to spend a weekend. It's a beautiful facility and conveniently located in downtown Appleton.

Bourse chairman Randy Miller has been making every effort to assure that we have a large turnout of dealers and good public participation. Now all we need is support from the membership.

Over the past two years we have made some strides toward increasing NOW membership and improving our financial base. Strong shows in Racine and Milwaukee have bolstered our financial standing and future conventions in Oshkosh (1991) and Milwaukee (1992) should continue the trend.

I hope NOW members will continue to be supportive of the new NOW leadership that will take office at the convention in Appleton.

As this will be my final president's message, I would like to thank those who served on the NOW board of governors, vice president Mike Tramte, former NOW NEWS editor Gene Johnson and secretary/treasurer Ron and Phyllis Calkins for their efforts.

Thanks also to the members and leaders of the Racine Numismatic Society and Milwaukee Numismatic Society for two great shows.

And good luck to the newly elected NOW leaders and new NOW NEWS editor Pete Phillips.

See you at upcoming shows.

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MILEAGE TO APPLETON

176	EAU CLAIRE
31	GREEN BAY
166	LA CROSSE
102	MADISON
100	MILWAUKEE
126	RACINE
79	WIS. RAPIDS

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MEADE-ST.

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COLLEGE AVE.

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DEPOSIT POLICY

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PAPER VALLEY HOTEL
333 W. COLLEGE AVE.
APPLETON WI.
54911

1-414-733-8000
IN WIS.
1-800-242-3499

GOING LEFT, COMING RIGHT

This commemorative coin is the only one to have faces of the same person facing in two different direction's that's where the title comes from, GOING LEFT, COMING RIGHT.

by PETER PHILLIPS - WNWA

The Eisenhower Centennial Dollar marks the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Dwight D. Eisenhower, this countries 34th President and Supreme Allied Commander of European Theater of Operations against Nazi forces of Adolf Hitler. He was instrumental in developing the invasion plans and commanding all forces in the western front in the June 6, 1944, D-Day invasion of occupied Europe.

Eisenhower, affectionately known as Ike to both friends and the general public, is depicted in duel bust/profile devices on the obverse.

The forward image facing right represents Eisenhower, the President. It is superimposed on the background portrait, facing left, which depicts him wearing a military overseas cap with the General's five star insignia on it. Despite the similarity, it will undoubtedly be, Eisenhower, the General, who is perhaps best remembered by thousands of veterans of World War II.

The legend's "LIBERTY" with the mint mark directly below it is on the left side and "IN GOD WE TRUST" in 2 lines on the right side of the bust.

President Eisenhower is best remembered by U.S. Citizens as one of the most popular chief executives. In his two terms, the United States increased by two states, Alaska and Hawaii. The most important things Ike did was to end the Korean War with his devotion to peace and America was launched into the space age.

Arched around the top half of the obverse is the inscription "EISENHOWER CENTENNIAL". The duel dates "1890-1990" are centered below the bust. The central device in the reverse shows the farmhouse at Gettysburg (Pennsylvania) National Military Historical site, adjacent to the Gettysburg National Military Park. This is the farm where the former President and the First Lady, Mamie Eisenhower, called home and where they retired to after leaving the White House in 1961. This was the only home that the Eisenhower's owned.

The design shows both front and right side views of the farmhouse. The scene is simply identified by two words below, "Eisenhower Home". How many summer evenings did the General sit on the front porch of the farmhouse and reflect on his military career and of the soldiers that took part in the great battle just a short distance away, a hundred years earlier of two armies, one is Blue and the other in Gray but both calling themselves Americans.

Arching around the top of the coin are the words "UNITED STATES OF MERICA." The Latin motto "E PLURIBUS UNUM" is set below and slightly to ne right of the farmhouse. The denomination "ONE DOLLAR" is in the center round the bottom rim.

though the bust design on both the earlier dollar and the new ommemorative shows the unmistakable profiles of the former president, the ikenesses of the new coin are considered much more true to life and elieved to have a "softer" and more realistic likeness than the earlier oin. Eisenhower was previously honored by a single obverse profile of a egular issued United States Dollar minted from 1971-1978. In 1976, for the centennial, the reverse was changed to honor the first manned landing on ne surface of the moon, the device has a Eagle superimposed over the moon th the insignia used by the crew of Apollo 11.

GREAT EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF DWIGHT DAVID EISENHOWER

90 - Born on October 14, in Dennison Texas.

15 - Graduated from U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

16 - Marries Mamie Doud on July 1st.

18 - Takes command of the first Armored Tank School in March.

42 - Becomes assistant Chief of Staff to General MacArthur.

42 - Appointed head of War Plans Division of the War Department.

1943 - Becomes Supreme Commander of Allied forces in Eurpoe.

1948 - Assumes Presidency of Columbia University.

1950 - Supreme Allied Commander of N.A.T.O.

1952 - Elected as 34th President of the United States.

1961 - Retired after 8 years to his Gettysburg farm.

1969 - Died on March 28 and the state Funeral on April 2.

THOR'S NOTE:

January 6, 1990, I mailed in my order for the Eisenhower Centennial mmemorative Dollars, both the Uncirculated and Proof Specimens. The mint arted mailing the orders on February 9th. I received my uncirculated coin February 13th and the Proof Specimen on February 20th, just 45 days to lfill my order. FAST work for the mint, compared to orders in the past.

NOW ELECTION

PRESIDENT

MIKE TRAMTE GREEN BAY

Currently Vice President of NOW and have previously served on the Board and as Secretary/Treasurer of NOW. Has served as President, Vice President, Librarian and Board Member of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society in addition to serving as General Chairman, Bourse Chairman and Exhibit Chairman for various MNS Shows and MNS hosted Shows. . A life member of ANA and MNS and a member of numerous other Coin Clubs and collecting for over 35 years.

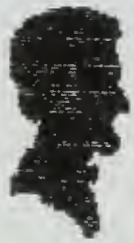
V—PRESIDENT

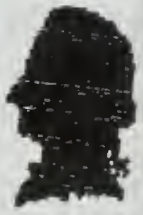
FRED BORGMANN IOLA

A professional Numismatist since 1974 and a collector for over 33 years. A member of NOW since 1975 and on the Board of Governors since 1985. Life member of MNS and member of the following clubs, Wisconsin Numismatic Writers Assoc., ILLNA, Orders & Medals Society of America, TAMS, ANA, & others. Started working for Jess Peters Inc. & then joined the World Coin News & Standard Catalog Staff at Krause Publications in 1976.

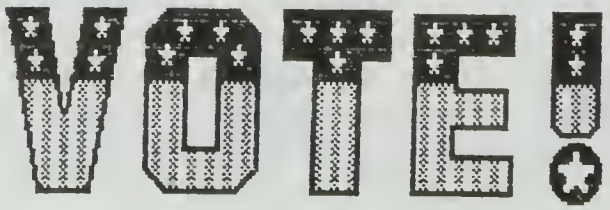
NOMINEES FOR BOARD

Roy Jonas - Currently on the board of Governors and has been a member of NOW for seven years. He is President of Cooney Coin Club and has held numerous local offices and has been collecting for twenty-five years.





Randy Miller - Has been involved in coins since 1972, both as a collector and dealer. Currently he is immediate past president of NOW and has served on the Board of Governors for several years. Also served as an officer for the Fox Valley Coin Club and currently is Secretary/Treasurer of the Oshkosh based Numismatic Research Society.



CLUB NEWS

NCY WILSON - currently on the A & NOW board of governors, so past president of South ore Coin Club. Well known hibitor, and Writer. General airman for CSNS and Assistant airman for ANA. Member in many mismatic Clubs at all levels. rks with Boy Scouts and the ung Numismatists in the lwaukee area.

ar 1990 Numismatist of sconsin election ballots are closed in this issue of NOW WS, please vote for no more an 3 members for the office of ard of Governors. Send your llot to Secretary Ron Calkins, P.O. Box 155, Mazomanie, WI, 560, before April 21st, 1990. ITE "BALLOT" ON THE ENVELOPE EASE! Results of the balloting ll be published in a future sue of NOW NEWS.

W officers receive no pay, but e rewarded by the confidence aced in them by the people who te for them. The price of a amp and a moments reflection d ballot marking will show ese candidates that you care.

The Fishbowl Wooden Nickel Coin Club will hold its 24th annual show at the Siren Community Center. The design on the wooden nickels will be the howling Timber Wolf as seen on the Canadian half-dollar. The Club meets from April to October because there are so many "snowbirds" in the club.

The Madison Coin Club meets every 2nd Monday at the VFW Hall, 113 E. Lakeside Street at 7:30 PM. Guests are welcome. Each year in August the club has its annual picnic, where each member brings a dish to pass (we have a great variety of different dishes), then we have a evening of Bingo.

This year for our Christmas party in December the club tried something new. We had an indoor picnic. The club furnish the Bar B Q and free drink tickets, and members brought a dish to pass. From all the talk the members liked this better then going to a restaurant and they hope we do it again.

Each family received a Christmas present and we played Bingo for some great prizes. This spring, plans are in the making for this years parties.

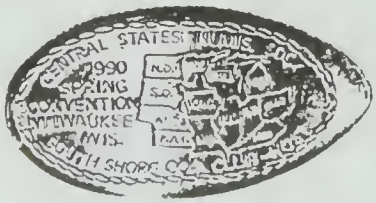
CENTRAL STATES WOODEN NICKEL

Central States hosted by South Shore Coin Club April 6-8, 1990, has a wooden nickel to be given out at the show. If you can't attend and want one, write to:

John Wilson, P.O. Box 27185, Milwaukee, WI 53227. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope plus 25¢.

ELONGATED COIN COMMEMORATES CENTRAL STATES CONVENTION

For those unable to attend the Convention, the elongated cents may be obtained by writing to: Ray Dillard, P.O. Box 161, Fenton, MI 48430. They are available for 35¢ or 3 for $1.00 plus a self-addressed stamp envelope.



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Central States Numismatic Society

Fifty-First Anniversary
Convention Auction
Milwaukee, MECCA, April 6-8

Kurt Krueger and Staff are presenting the magnificent Tom Snyder Collection of Wisconsin National Banknotes. (Tom is a long-time member and friend of NOW.) This 350 lot offering is destined to become a textbook of Wisconsin National Currency. Also included are medals and coins in this seven-figure offering. The catalog with prices realized is $12. Look for Kurt's address in his add elsewhere in this issue.

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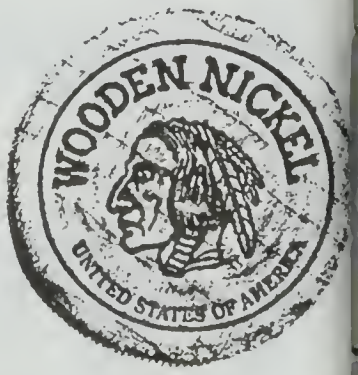
MADISON COIN CLUB WOODEN NICKEL

A wooden nickel marking the Madison Coin Club's 58th annual coin show is available from the club. Examples of the wood are 25¢ each, plus a self-addressed, stamped envelope. To order write to: Dan Scheid, 5214 N. Autumn Lane, McFarland, WI 53558.



NATIONAL COIN WEEK

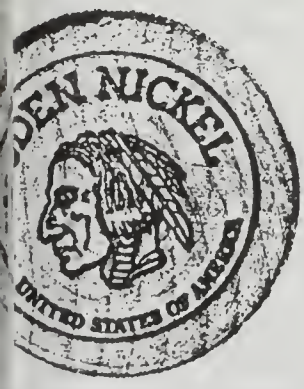
APRIL 16-21

"COINtinuum," the study of coins through time, has been selected by the ANA as the theme of National Coin Week.

"COINtinuum" is the constant presence and influence money places on today's world. "Cointinuum" will study a series of coins with relationship to space and time. "COINtinuum" is yesterday, today and tomorrow in change.

The pamphlet, "Coin Collecting, A Fascinating Hobby for Young and Old" --written by ANA staff in conjunction with Whitman Publishing Co., Krause Publishing Co., Professional Numismatists Guild, the U.S. Mint, the Royal Canadian Mint, the Dutch Mint and the Portugeuse Mint -- will be available free to educators planning to introduce students to numismatics.

National Coin Week is in its 55th consecutive year. If interested in posters or pamphlets please contact ANA, 818 N. Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, Co. 80903-3279.



OVER & OUT

This is the first edition of the NOW NEWS that my wife and I worked on as the new editors.

We've learned a lot so far with the help of the past-editor, Gerald Johnson, but we have a long ways to go and we'll be calling on Gene and Irene, along with Ron and Phyllis Calkins many times on the phone (Making AT&T a little richer) asking for help with "this and that" in order to hold up the Quality of the past NOW NEWS.

We're always open for new ideas so if you see us at a coin show just walk over and tell us and we'll see if it will work, that's one way, the other way is to drop us a letter to give us your ideas or input. Please mark NOW in the left-hand corner of the envelope. We want to know if we're doing a good job or not and the only way to know this is by you, the members, so don't sit on your hands talking to yourself saying how bad the NOW NEWS is, TELL US.

The main ingredients in making the NOW NEWS as successful as it is are the Clubs and Individuals, so keep us informed with Club Activities and Articles for use in the NOW NEWS. Hope to see you at the NOW Convention in Appleton, On May 19 & 20th. So make plans to attend. BRING a friend and introduce them to a numismatic treat.

OVER & OUT

Central States Numismatic Society, **51st Annual Convention**
April 5 (PNG Day) 6 - 8, 1990, MECCA, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Host: *South Shore Coin Club* **(LC - ANA 24, CSNS, NOW)**

General Chairmen
John & Nancy Wilson
P. O. Box 27185
Milwaukee, WI. 53227
414 545 - 8636

Bourse Chairman
Kevin Foley
P. O. Box 589
Milwaukee, WI. 53201
414 282 - 2388

FIFTY FIRST CENTRAL STATES CONVENTION

As General Chairmen for the 51st CSNS Convention we want to take this time to invite you to Milwaukee on April 5 (PNG Day). 6, 7, and 8, 1990 for the absolutely greatest Numismatic Show we have ever had. This will be one of the biggest coin conventions of 1990, and we expect to draw over 7,000 persons, from around the U. S. to our show. Our table sales have been very brisk and if you haven't signed-up yet, don't be disappointed - sign-up now with Kevin Foley, the Bourse Chairman. We are expecting to have an Ancient & Foreign Section at the convention, if enough dealers want it. Highlights of the convention are: Kurt R. Krueger Auction; Bureau of Engraving & Printing "Billion Dollar Exhibit" plus the Spider Press (for demonstrations), and the Bureau will issue a Spider Print and special Commemorative Souvenir Card honoring the convention; Competitive Exhibits (Senior and Junior) featuring all Gold Prizes; Invitational exhibits featuring the Chester L. Krause paper money collection and a "Major" political exhibit from Washington to Bush; Krause Publications, Western Publishing Company and Coin World Booths; [redacted] U. S. Postal Station with Special Show Cancellation; Official Convention Medal depicting a side view of City Hall; American Numismatic Association Certification Service (ANACS) table; Hospitality Room; Spouses' Luncheon at Maders World Famous Restaurant plus Museum Tour after lunch; Security Room; Educational Forum featuring Walter Breen and Ken Bressett; Numismatic Bibliomania Society, Souvenir Card Collecting Society, International Bank Note Society / Society of Paper Money Collectors meetings with educational programs; Club Midway; Ray Dillard and his Elongated Rolling Machine demonstrations & Special Elongated Cent Souvenir; ANA Representatives open meeting & Chicago Coin Club 100th ANA Convention Committee meeting; Young Numismatists program with many surprises; and finally Wooden Nickels and Advertising Notes. Besides our Convention, a National Post Card Show will be taking place under the same roof in the West Exhibit Hall We probably forgot a few things, but as you can see, the committee has been hard at work. Don't forget to send in your Exhibit Applications (go for the Gold). To save you work at the Convention, please pre-register with the enclosed card. If you haven't been to Milwaukee in recent years, you will notice many nice changes in our beautiful downtown. We also have the finest selection of restaurants in the country, with prices that will fit your budget. Arrangements have been made with MacArthur Square parking lot to have discount parking. The lot is located on N. 7th Street between Wells and State Street. On behalf of the Central States Numismatic Society and South Shore Coin Club, we hope all our members and their families have a healthy, happy and prosperous 1990. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Milwaukee 51st Central States Convention at downtown MECCA.

Yours in Numismatics, John & Nancy Wilson

SHOW SCHEDULE

1990

pril 5-8 — MILWAUKEE

ECCA - 4th & Kilbourn
entral States Numis. Soc.
.O. Box 537
ilwaukee, WI 53201

pril 22 — WAUSAU

larathon Park Youth Building
'is. Valley Coin Club
002 Tanya Street
'chofield, WI 54426

PRIL 29 — JANESVILLE

ock County Fairgrounds
anesville Coin Club
t 3
ilton, WI 53563

AY 6 — GREEN BAY

oliday Inn-Downtown
reen Bay Coin Club
641 Bruce Lane
reen Bay, WI 54313

LY 6 — EAU CLAIRE

liday Inn
ippewa Valley Coin Club
' 3 Box 174
ndovi, WI 54755

SEND US YOUR LOCAL CLUB NEWS TODAY!

MAY 19-20 — APPLETON

NOW CONVENTION
Paper Valley Inn
Fox Valley
P.O. Box 1981
Appleton, WI 54913

June 3 — ROCKFORD

Rockford Inn & Hoffman House
Rockford Coin Club
1004 C Street
Rockford, ILL 61108

June 10 — Siren

Siren Community Center
Fishbowl Wooden Nickel Coin Club
304 Pleasant Avenue
Frederick, WI

June 23-24 — RHINELANDER

Nicolet College
Northwoods Stamp & Coin Club
Bill Reardon
Eagle River, WI 54521

June 29 - July 1 — MILWAUKEE

Mecca - 6th & Kibourn
Errorama 1990
P.O. Box 3115
Madison, WI 53704

August 19 — Wis. Dells

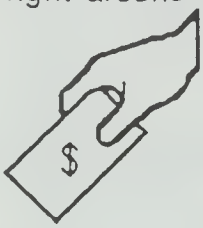
Holiday Inn
Baraboo Coin Club
P.O. Box 420
Baraboo, WI 53913

Sept. 16 — FOND DU LAC

American Legion Bldg.
Fond Du Lac Coin Club
P.O. Box 952
Fond Du Lac, WI 54935

Spring has sprung!!
The grass has rizz --Where last year's careless driver is!!

It's time for our spring message for NOW News--Spring!! It doesn't seem possible!! Another year has passed and the NOW Convention is right around the corner.



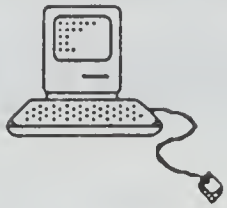
No Dues--No NEWS

With this issue 73 members were dropped for unpaid dues. Everyone received **two** notices-one in the paper and one special mailing. We have not dropped any coin clubs-YET. If your club is listed below, please remind them to renew their membership.

--Nicolet Coin Club (since 1966)
--Northwest Coin Club (since 1978)

--Wis, Valley Coin Club (since 1965)

So all of you get out and get us some new members--$3 per year!! Just 6 cans of pop or two bottles of beer. Cheap!!!



"MacPuter"--What a strange word

What does "Macputer" mean? When we took the task as secretary/treasurer, my wife and I knew we would be asked to write a short article for each issue. Since we have two Apple MacIntosh computers (really one, since one recently died and is being serviced), thus the name "Macputer" was hatched. With our Macs, we can do all those neat graphics you'd really have a tough time doing on an IBM system. Since we don't yet have a laser printer, we just use a simple dot matrix printer to print our copy and it comes out pretty nice.

Missing Clubs

In reviewing old data base information we find there used to be 28 Wisconsin coin clubs. Are any of these clubs still active?

Beaver Dam Coin Club	1967-?
Beloit Coin Club	1967-?
Burlington Coin Club	11967-?
Janesville Coin Club	1963-1986
Kenosha Coin Club	1965-1970

Thanks

Several people donated extra memberships when their paid there dues. We'll be giving some junior memberships at the spring show!!

COIN CLUB INFORMATION

(please print or type)

Coin Club Name: _____

c/o (Name) _____

Address: _____

City/State _____, zip _____

Club Meetings: (when) _____

(where) _____

(address) _____

(city) _____

(time) _____ p.m.

Current Officers:

President _____

Vice Pres. _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

Insurance:

[ ] Our Coin Club is participating in NOW's insurance plan;

[ ] Our Club is interested in NOW's new insurance plan which protects members and visitors at coin club meetings and shows.

[ ] We are not interested.

Completed by: _____

Address: _____

City/state/zip _____

Phone: _____ Date _____

Return to Pete Phillips, Editor
Numismatists of Wisconsin
3329 Wells Avenue
Madison, WI 53714

COIN SHOW INFORMATION

Show Information for _____ Coin Club.

[ ] No Show is currently being planned

[ ] We are planning a Show. Information will be sent to NOW later.

Coin Show Date(s): _____ 19____

Starting Time: _____ a.m. Ending Time: _____ p.m.

Location:

(hotel/convention center, etc.) _____

(street) _____

(city) _____ (state) _____

General Show Chairman (name/address/phone)	**Bourse Chairman:** (name/address/phone)	**Exhibit Chairman:** (name/address/phone)
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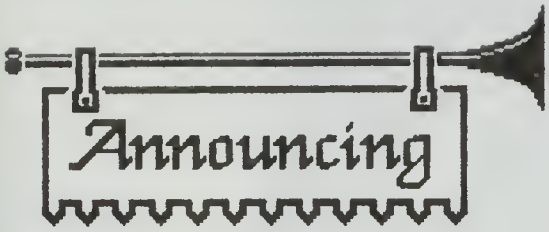

NOW Club Insurance Woes

We recently announced to member coin clubs that we had secured another Liability Insurance policy which we hoped to make available.

THIE INSURANCE PROGRAM IS AGAIN IN LIMBO as we await Board of Governor action because the insurance company has notified us that they are increasing our premium AGAIN based on an audit, claiming our membership is 407 members. (My computer tells me we have 278 members as of March 3rd). Not only do they want more money for this year -- they want it for 1989 as well.

We suggest those clubs planning spring shows to make alternate plans **at once.**

NOW officers are working on a solution and we'll keep you informed. We know you're interested by the number of responses we received in the past.

News Articles

And don't forget to send any articles, tidbits or help with future publications to our new editor. Send them to Peter Phillips, 3329 Wells Ave., Madison, WI 53714.

And Don't forget to Vote!!

WANTED

COIN CLUB INFORMATION

COIN SHOW INFORMATION

on pages 13 & 14 you will find two forms which have previously been sent to 21 member clubs. Please use these forms for updating us on your club's activities.

WHAT DO YOU **MEAN** HE WENT TO THE **NOW CONVENTION?**

FROM SAGAN TO MOOSBURG
by Fred J. Borgmann - WNWA

After more than twenty years as a collector of military medals I can safely say that even the most common POW medals are scarce. In all those years I have never run across any medals relating to Americans as POWs. The probable reason for the lack of American medals is that as POWs, Americans have never been treated as well as they treat their captives.

All this changed a few years ago when the following four medals were discovered in a Chicago area estate sale. Each of the medals is die struck in high grade silver indicating that they were produced after the war and not in any prison camps.

MEDAL #1 is 38m. The obverse features a Nazi era Luftwaffe eagle with an upward pointing sword in the background. At the top is the legend "STALAG LUFT 3." This is the camp at Sagan. The reverse has an American pilot wings insignia with one of the wings clipped and encumbered with a ball and chain. Above this are three emblems without wings representing a bombardier, an air crew member and a navigator.

MEDAL #2 is 35mm. The obverse features a guard tower and three strands of barbed wire below the legend "STALAG LUFT III." The reverse has a Nazi eagle and the legend "STALAG VIIA MOOSBURG GERMANY."

REVERSE

MEDAL #1

OBVERSE

REVERSE

MEDAL #2

OBVERSE

MEDAL #3 is 25mm. The obverse also features the clipped pilot wings design found on medal #1 with the legend "MOOSBURG GERMANY." The reverse shows a wood chip heater, an ingenious device for burning wood chips which included a hand cranked supercharger. "STALAG-VILLA" is above and 1945 is at the bottom.

MEDAL #4 is 25mm. The obverse features a loaded homemade style sled of the type used by the POWs to transport their gear on their forced march from Sagan to Moosburg. Around the sled is the legend "EVACUATION OF SAGAN Jan. 27." On the reverse is the coiled inscrption "SAGAN - HALBAU - FREIWALDAU - MUSKAU - GRAUSTEIN - SPREMBERG - CHEMNITZ - ZWICKAU-NEUMARK - PLAUEN - HOF - NURNBERG -MOOSBURG." This is the route of the march.

The designs of these medals are very symbolic and self explanatory but still leave some unanswered questions. Who authorized the medals and where were they minted? How were the medals distributed? Hopefully someone reading this will be able to provide the answers.

REVERSE

MEDAL #3

OBVERSE

REVERSE

MEDAL #4

OBVERSE

WISCONSIN NUMISMATIC
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The purpose of WNWA is to develop numismatic journalistic talents among our members and to publish interesting and informative articles in NOW NEWS. Membership in this group is open to all members of NOW.

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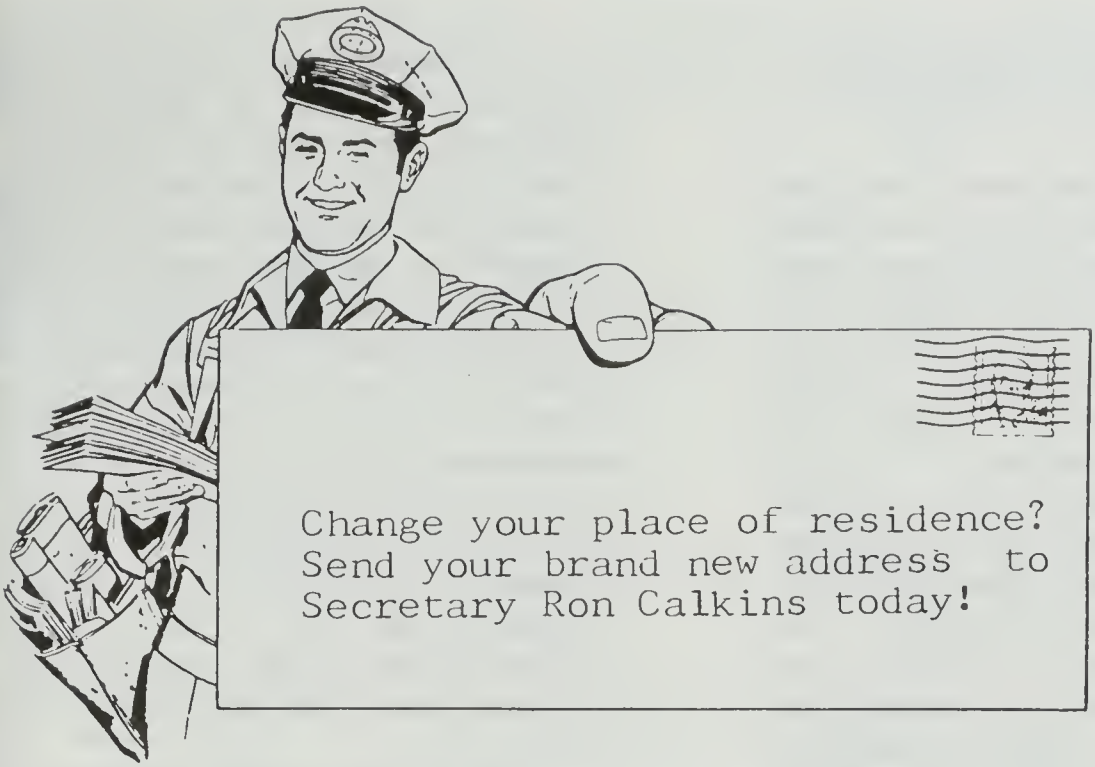

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THREE COMMISSIONERS FROM OSHKOSH

By Harold Helm - WNWA

The Assay Commission is one of the oldest institutions in the annals of American History. The original provision for this body was made in the Act of April 2, 1792, section 18, which established the Mint and provided for a national coinage.

First authorized to serve on the commission in 1837, public members have been appointed by the President Continuously at least since 1874, according to available records. President Carter, in 1977, discontinued the use of members from the general public to served on the annual U.S. Assay Commission. This made 1976 the last year the general public was used.

The commissioners were appointed by the President and met on the second Wednesday in February each year. Each commissioner would receive a medal for their participation.

The main basis for this article is not about the Assay Commission itself, but about three persons who served as commissioners. Many people have served throughout the years, from all walks of life, and from all parts of the country. The three I will describe here are from Oshkosh, Wisconsin. They are Samuel M. Hay - served 1893, H.O. Granberg - 1916-1917, and Larry J. Spanbauer - served 1976.

Samuel M. Hay was born August 7, 1825 in Pennsylvania. In 1848 he moved to Oshkosh, and went into his own business as a master tinsmith. Orson J. Clark became a partner with Hay, and the firm of Hay & Clark was formed in 1851. During the Civil War there were 16 merchants that issued their own tokens from Oshkosh, the firm of Hay & Clark was one of these merchants.

Sam Hay served as mayor of Oshkosh in 1858-59. He was elected to the state senate in 1862. He also served on the "State Board of Regents" for 15 years.

Besides being president of his hardware business, he also became president of the First National Bank of Oshkosh in 1865, remaining in this position until his retirement in January of 1904.

It was in 1893, that President Benjamin Harrison appointed Samuel M. Hay to serve on the U.S. Assay Commission in Philadelphia.

It is not known if he collected any numismatic material. However, his signature has appeared on numerous National Bank Notes as President for 39 years. Also there were two varieties of Civil War Tokens from his business. He died in 1906.

H.O. Granberg resided in Oshkosh most of his life. His full name was "Hawkin Olson Granberg", but was known as Henry Granberg, or just H.O. Granberg.

In 1905, he was secretary and treasurer of six different mining and milling companies in three different towns in Wyoming, and also in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. By 1910, instead of various small mining companies, he became secretary and treasurer of the Hahn's Peak Gold Mining and Milling Company, which had an office in Oshkosh. He became president of the same company in 1915 or 1916. By 1928, besides his mining interests he also went into the printing business with his son Earl. This printing company was known as the Granberg Press.

On the numismatic side of H.O. Granberg, it is known that he was the second owner of the famous Idler 1804 Dollar. He bought the coin in 1906, and added it to his large collection.

This coin was in the sale of the Granberg collection, July 14, 1913, which was conducted by B. Max Mehl. The coin was removed from the sale because of many controversies as to it's genuineness. It was later sold to William C. Atwater. Many stories have been writen about this coin.

H.O. Granberg was elected president of the American Numismatic Association in 1915. Woodrow Wilson to serve on the Assay Commission for two consecutive years in 1916 and 1917. He died in the mid 1940's as a very famous man.

Larry J. Spanbauer is a machinist at Rockwell Company in Oshkosh. He has been active in numerous local organizations. As for numismatics, Larry has held the post of president of the Oshkosh Coin Club and was editor of the state journal for Numismatists of Wisconsin, NOW NEWS. He has written many articles that have appeared in numerous publications.

Larry is the author of two books on counterfeit coins. The first book was a paper back book, written in 1975. It was in four different parts. "Counterfeits of United States Coins". The second book was written in 1979 and co-authored with the late Virgil Hancock. It was hard covered and titled "Standard Catalog of United States Altered and Counterfeit Coins".

President Gerald Ford appointed Larry to serve on the Assay Commission in 1976, the last year the general public served.

Although all three commissioners have led different lives, they all have their names recorded in the history of numismatics.

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March 17 (10 AM) at the Chicago International Coin Fair, held at the Hyatt Regency, downtown Chicago. This show will run March 15-17.

April 7 (12:30 PM) at the Central States Numismatic Society Convention, held at the MECCA in downtown Milwaukee. This show will run April 6-8.

Other meetings will be announced later.

Some of the Celebration activities include a 1000-page history of the ANA being written by former ANA President, Q. David Bowers; a Centennial medal to be struck in bronze and silver; and various educational programs including a treasure hunt.

Convention General Chairman, John Wilson, said, "This convention is not all work, there also is some play." Charles Ricard, Chairman of the "1891 Club", said about 600 people from across the country already have joined this Centennial Club to support the 100th Anniversary celebration activities. We will keep you informed on the progress of the convention plans in future issues.

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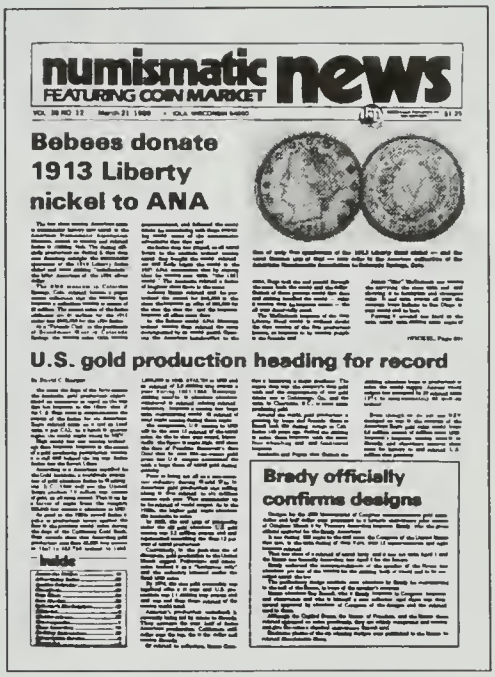
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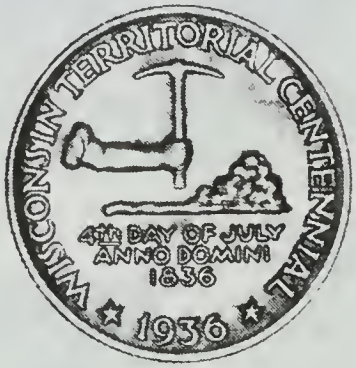

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